TWIN TREE IN CENTRAL PARK

Following the rustic pathway leading down to the lake, there is seemingly ishment through this branch is shown nothing to the left to attract attention, by the fact that the trunk is thicker while to the right the rocky ravine above the point of union than below it.

in the Central park. New York city, causes one to look that way. But south asterly from the cave and scarce-ly more than the length of a city block from it is an object will worth examining. The twin trunks of a tree are united at a height of from it, is an object of interest which about ten feet by a branch of the left hundreds probably pass without notic- trunk, which is perfectly grafted into the right one.

That the right trunk receives nour-

tains the paramount virtue of being

On the books of the Hat hospital are

cratic ((?) tile (sometimes of the vint-

age of '49) to the jaunty sailor or nat-

for their restoration.

Perhaps Old Boreas in one of his froi-

icsome moods, has played such havoc with the silken parachute that scarce-

ly any portion of it remains intact.

Perhaps it has been a cherished gift or

a certain originality of handle has

struck the owner's capricious fancy and

therefore is reluctantly discarded. A

visit to the hospital and presto! An

entirely new article is returned, which

the owner finds difficulty in recogniz-

ing were it not for a few familiar land-

HER EAR A FACE.

Portrait photography plays many

Perhaps there may be some peculiar-

ities in the conformation of the organ

pronounced suggestion of the human

argely responsible for the accentuation

This picture, the portrait of a well-

known actress, was made by a theatri-

cal photographer, who disavows any in-

tention of having fun with his subject

and who places all the blame on the

Mikado to Edward VII.

Among the costly gifts which will be presented to King Edward VII, or

the occasion of his coronation will be

two beautiful vases from the Mikado

They are of silver and richly encrust-

The Ainu women, in North Japan

Fish are sold alive in Japan, the ped-

tattoo their faces to give them the ap-

ed with gold, and they represent the

work of 30 artists for seven years.

pearance of men with whiskers.

eccentricities of his camera.

of the resemblance.

physiognomy, but undoubtedly the

dear old "Janle,



BABIES IN OLD ROME.

Babies were not allowed much liberty of action in the days of the old Ro-tients ranging in style from the aristoman Empire. Old engravings and a few pieces of sculpture which have recently been discovered furnish ample testimony on this point.

Until they were able to walk these babies were treated almost as though



they were lifeless mummles. Heavy them and then fastened in such a man- is so ungailant as to perpetrate such a ner that the little unfortunates were hardly able to breathe. For hours at a time they were compalled to bear these burdens, and apparently they were hardly permitted to stretch their little limbs or toddle about as modern in-

It is said that many children were unable to endure this ordeal, and no one who carefully studies the accompanying picture will be inclined to doubt the truth of this statement.

FOR LIFELESS PATIENTS.

Paradoxical, isn't it-hospitals for lifeless patients? One would naturally suppose the only proper disposal to be made of a lifeless patient would be via the method known as "six feet under," or the crematory. Not so, however. There are patients—and patients. At the Dolls' hospital patients may

be sen in all stages of crippledom-some even decapitated and minus all requisite members. One would imagine, tures-a face in a woman's ear. far as expense is concerned, better judgment would be displayed in the purchase of an entire new manikin.



But that discolored, headless trunk is dear to some childish heart. It is possibly known by the name of "Janie.

An obstinate refusal to accept any unwelcome successor to the beloved 'Janie' is generally the result of wel! meant but unsuccessful intentions. So "Janie" to the hospital goes, and by means of expert surgery is transformed from a mutilated chrysalis into a beautiful Parisian butterfly, but not- lers conveying them through the withstanding the metamorphosis re- streets in tanks.

The Solution.

Mrs. Jaggs-John, what are you do

r-I can't stand it any longer; g to the destist's this instant e this tooth cut.

"You ought not to smoke right before

Mrs. Jaggs—John, what are you doing down there, turning the doorknob round and round?

Jaggs—Dunno, m'dearest. Can't find any kesh-hole. Guesser mush be a stem-winder.—New York Sun.

Something Must Be Fulled.

Sufferer—I can't stand it any longer; I'm going to the destist's this instant

"You ought not to smoke right before the children, Henry," expostulated Mrs. Chinner. "Can't you see that you're setting them a very bad example."

"Oh, that's all right, my dear," replied her husband, easily. "If they follow your example of carrying pins in your mouth they'll never live long enough to be harmed by my example."

—Syracuse Herald.

-Tut! tut! my litle boy, you may over spilt milk.

A RUDE AWAKENING

He came from a county far away. His whiskers were long and his necktie And his carpetbag was chock full, they

of bills that he wanted to pass;

But in spite of his whiskers and queer attire. There is one small fact that we must admire.
The landlady vouches, if you inquire.
That he didn't blow out the gas.

We gazed on him a sense of cheer. And we said that steadily, year by year, The hayseed statesman who once drew

Was turning to fashion's glass. We smiled, though his trousers were all

uncreased; Though his hair was offed and his boots. were greamen.
We could point with pride and declare at

That he didn't blow out the gus. But as we boasted, a shadow fell

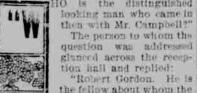
And the joy-bells turned to a graveyard And we frequently said "Alas," For we learned that his room up near the

Has electric agus. And again we sigh, For that was the only reason why He didn't blow out the gas. —Washington Star.

An Interrupted Revenge.

B YJOHN GASTON.

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wapapers are saying so much—the lobbyist from New York who has sucseeded in getting the Consolidated Telephone ordinances through the council.

"Remarkably so. Still, on a closer view his expression is not entirely riage. In any event i conjure you by pleasant, and I should say that he bears | a mother's love; by the memory of the marks of dissipation-not grossly, but old times when we were friends-more there is something that suggests wine, than friends, do not destroy my daughwomen and song at unholy hours—or ter's life, am I mistaken? Is that pallor Rising

glance at the man as his name was recity in front of the excited woman mentioned, and the slightest suggestion who stood with clasped hands and of a flush appeared on her cheeks. It flushed face pouring out her heart, and was the first time she had laid eyes on said in a voice hourse with emotion: ty derby. Apparently these have seen him since the night she had jilted him iny a summer, to say nothing of the for Frederick Markham. That was 19 to see you in front of me pleading for intervening hard winters. After the rest cure, the cold water treatment, years ago. They were both youngabout 18-and had been sweethearts steam baths, etc., they emerge in a from childhood. He was still in colstate of rejuvenation, for which the owner gladly pays the small sum relege, a brilliant boy and a career predicted for him. But the career was a long ways off and Gordon had little What is more disreputable than an ambrella that has seen better days? other than expectations.

a scene, however, as followed when she lesness and of deliberately leading him on for the sake of amusement. for the wreck that would follow she was responsible by every law of God and of man. He told her that he would clared, solely to gratify his sense, and have suffered. And you must suffer to tricks, but it is seldom that a camera her much loy in the sale she had made of herself. It was the speech of a hot-headed, high-spirited, disap- I am your old lover, if you please. She pointed boy. It all came up before her this night many years later with startling vividness as she looked at him across the reception hall.

And it had eventuated much as he had predicted. He had finished his college course and studied law, while ter applying restoratives, showed her plunging into extreme dissipations. His to her carriage. great natural abilities had carried him through and he had settled in New York, where, instead of devoting him- for a honeymoon tour. self to his profession, he had used his brilliant qualities to forward all sorts He had beof questionable schemes. come a very successful lobbyist. He had never visited the home city

since his interview with the woman until this time, when he had come to force through the city council the most audacious and notorious measure that had ever been attempted in the city. And he had succeeded and it was whispered that he had secured a small fortune for his work.

She was surprised at the great change in the man, and still more surprised at the unchanged resemblance ities in the conformation of the organ to the ingenuous, enthusiastic youth which lend themselves to this most she had known. He looked scarcely older, excepting for the prematurely gray hair, although the face had lost amera in its mistaken numor has been its roundness and the cheeks were white with pallor.

While all this flashed through her mind Robert Gordon and Mr. Campbell were surrounded by a merry party of ladies and gentlemen, to whom ormer was being presented. When Mrs. Markham glanced toward the party, Gordon was being presented to her daughter, a tall, handsome, viva-clous girl of 18. The mother noted the look of startled recognition in his eyes (the girl was a perfect prototype of her mother at the same age), and noted also the slight flush in his pale cheek. The mask of indifference had vanished from his face and he entered at once into an animated conversation with the girl. An expression of anxiety came into the face of Mrs. Markham and the shadow of a great apprehension crossed Then she straightened her-

self haughtily and muttered to herself: "What an idea. I must be going into During the entire evening Gordon conopolized Miss Markham's attention,

and at the close handed her to the car-He Knew the Stuff. Bound to Have His Beer. Deacon De Good-Here, watter, I'm

afraid to drink city water. I'll have to Walter-That isn't city, sir. It's Mr. Gusher-I'd be glad to, but I'm

pure spring water, bottled in the mountains especially for this establishafraid Willie might object. ment. Several distinguished chemists and physicians have pronounced it the finest water ever served. Deacon De Good—Um—bring some

Spain to Send a Minister. n Manitoba and Assimboa there are ;^0,000 acres of rich and arable land, tiek could support 5,000,000 persons. In present population is only 220,000.

riage-all to the considerable discomfiture of her mother.

Robert Gordon did not return at one to New York as he had announced pre viously. The weeks faded into months and still he occupied the handsome suite at the Royal and hung around the cainty hand of the young heirers of the Markham fortune. Mrs. Markhan firstfol an detewed, but her expostula tions fell on unheeding ears. The girl felt the strong attraction toward the handsome man of the world ever fell by daughters toward the men who have been the unsuccessful suitors for their mother's hands; and as for Mark ham, he was charmed by the dominant personality of the New Yorker.

The mother's apprehensions were not unfounded, however, and one day the father awoke to the situation and there was a most serious talk between Clare's parents. It was fully evident that the girl was madly in love with the brilliant lobbyist, and when the matter was talked over Frederick Markham saw at once that it was not a proper match for the daughter. Then there was a serious interview with the girl who was told plainly the character of the man. She resented it passionately and the result was that a few days later Robert Gordan formally proposed to Markham for the hand of his daughter In reply to the indignant refusal of the father Gordon coolly informed him that he already had the consent of the girl and proposed to marry her in any event-with the parental consent if possible, without it if necessary. when consulted cast her lot with Gor 10 is the distinguished don. All revelations concerning Gorlooking man who came in don's career and record were without avail.

Then the mother in desperation wenquestion was addressed to Gordon's apartments at the Royal glunced across the recep- and made a pathetic appeal to him.

There can be no happiness in such a match," she said. "When she awakene to the realities she will be heartbroken as you well know. There is no hap piness in such a marriage either for her or for you. I do not know what you are after, I will not insult you by intimating that you seek her money. If you do it shall be yours without a mar-

Rising from his chair where he had atural?"

A woman standing near bent a keen ing the interview. Gordon advanced di-"It has been my dream for 19 years

something dear to your heart. I never dated to hope the dream would comtrue-certainly not in the manner to has. Let me tell you, I will give you your heart's desire just as you gave me mine 19 years ago. You chose deliber ately to ruin my life. You were merci Frederick Markham was rich and less-even scornful. What I am, I am well-connected and 10 years her senior. as a result of your heartlessness. He offered her all the things so dear to What I am not is the result of your the girl just budding into society, and faithlessness. All the reasons that she had accepted him and thrown Gor- make me in your estimation an unfit don over. She had not anticipated such husband for your daughter are the result of your ambition and your ad told him that she was to marry Mark- vice. I was not a man of bad instincts ham. He accused her bitterly of heart- in the old days. I was not void of ambition. All this you deliberately killed. You sapped all the good out of my na swore that she had ruined his life and ture and threw me aside, a mere hunk Now you appeal to the moral nature you destroyed. I never dreamed of so perfect a revenge until I saw the girlnever again believe in the sincerity of your very second self, and then I saw human creature. He would live, he de- the way to make you suffer even as I the end. I will not spare you. Go and tell the girl what I have said-and that will not believe it and I will deny it It is your turn to walk the floor now I have done it for 19 years. Oh, I will lead your proud and sensitive girl a pretty dance, I promise you."

He caught her as she fainted, and af-

The wedding was a swell affair and the newly-wedded pair went abroad

It was 10 months later at Venice when the crisis came. They had lingered there for five weeks enjoying the soft languor of the Italian skies. months had been a revelation to Gor don. Never had he supposed earth held such joy as he had found in the golden weeks that had slipped by since his marriage. As he penetrated further and further into the nature of the woman who had married him despite warning and evil report, he sounded depths of tenderness that he never expected had existed. Far from carrying out his threat and intention to break her heart, he became inspired day by day with the deepest reverence for her. This soft evening in Venice the climax came. He crossed over to where his wife sat and said:

"Clare, I have a confession to make I cannot go on in this way with a lie in my heart. I did not marry you with a clean soul and from a pure love. All they have said about be is true. Your mother knew me better than any living person, and she told you the truth. Since I have known you as wife I have come to learn somewhat of your real worth, and a great loathing of myself has taken possession of me until life seems only tolerable on the condition that I cease to act a lie and that you know me as I am. Forgive me? I was cruelly hurt by a woman once and charged it to all womankind. I will make any amends you say. I will leav you if you will it-anything, anything no matter how hard, so I stand at least honest in your sight." With a broken sob he sank on one

knee and buried his face in his hands an instant she was beside him with both arms about his neck. "I knew you better than you knew yourself," she whispered.

Miss Takes-I'm so glad you've call-ed, Mr. Gusher. I've baked a cake for Willie's birthday. Won't you have a

Willie-Not much! You ain't no pertickler friend o' mine. I don't care what happens to you.—Philadelphia

Madrid, June 16.—It was announced today that the government has decided to appoint a minister to the Cuban republic.

CALLING IN AFRICA.



automobile is usually a cow. The fi- acres, high, fertile and picturesque ustration shows a lady mounted for an were given to Dr. Thompson by Cecil Rhodes. airing or ready to make a polite call.

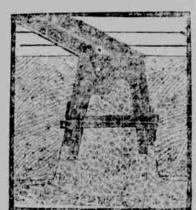
Dr. and Mrs. Thompson recently visfin the Melsetter district it is quite comited this country, bringing many curios

The may on cowback is an American, Mark W. L. Thompson, wife of Dr. so much as this which shows how Mrs. Thompson, medical missisonary at the Thompson a most cultured, gentle and Melsetter district station of the Ameri- refined lady, accustomed, to all soft ean Board of Foreign Missions. The graces of life and up-to-date ways of first brick house in Gazaland was built journeying in this country, goes callat this stalon within the last decade. Ing in state on her African neighbors.

ne il faute to go visiting in this with them and a number of photographs The lady on cowback is an American, latter few interested their friends here

NOVEL CAR RAIL.

England has a new rall for street cars



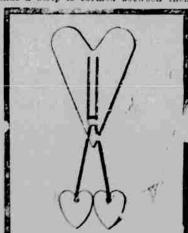
which the flanges of the wheels are to pass. The trough rests on a suitable foundation, and the street on each side is raised so that it may be on a level with and fit as closely as possible to the sides of the trough. The rails are laid on the track in the ordinary fashon, but are connected together in a inner somewhat different

Experts claim that rails of this type vill last at least 20 years ,and that no treet in which they are laid is ever injured by them in the least. Moreover, it claimed that the cost of these rails, considering their great advantages, is

LOOP PUZZLE.

Nothing is very complicated in the puzzle hereshown. It consists of three shown in the picture form a part. parts, one large and two small, the former being made of flexible and the two latter of stiffened material. Through the large part are cut two

parallel vertical slits, in such a manner that a strip is formed between them.



and the a hole is made through the are to be carefully untwisted and the fiexible parce directly beneath the strip. Finally a looped string is passed loops which are formed in this way, through this hole, from the front to As a result of this preliminary operathe rear, and then around the strip, and tion the thread has been drawn through to each end of the string are fastened two invisible ears and everything is the two smaller stiffened parts.

Any one who has pored much over puzzles will readily see that it requires rather deft manipulation to arrange you may now seat yourself at a table these various parts properly. More-over, in this puzzle the looped string at your hands you will put from eight plays a prominent part, and that a to ten new threads through the eye of string of this kind is a regular will o the needle. All you have to do is to the wisp in all tricks is well known.

Doctors' Bills.

"Why, there are physicians in Germany who charge only 2 cents for a the eye, for in doing so they will natursaid the mean man.

"Well, if they always get that much, they beat me," said the doctor.—Yonkers Statesman.

Rear Admiral Joseph Coghlan, Unit-ed States navy, has been presented by some of the petty officers of the Lancas-ter with a handsome flag, accompanied by an engrossed card, as follows: "To Rear Admiral Joseph Coghlan, United States navy, in congratulation of hav-ing obtained his flag rank, and as an expression of esteem and token of re-spect by the undersigned, who served with him on the United States steamship Raleigh: B. H. Bryan, chief mas-ter-at- arms; Patrick Murphy, chief boatswain's mate; Edwin Adamson, boatswain's mate, first class; William B. Johnson, sallmaker's mate; James G. Duncan, electrician; C. Connolly, oiler, U. S. N."

EMPEROR'S RARE SILVER.

No ruler in Europe has such a costly chich is attracting much attention and and magnificent collection of silverware egretainly differs in some marked respects from the rail now in use.

as Kaller Wlinelm, and in it there are few places which are more prized than Its principal part is shaped like a those designed to be used by the empetrough turned upside down and is pro- for himself, and they are constantly vided with a suitable depression, over used either by him or by some memher of his family.

When the emperor (then Prince Willfam) married the Princess Augusta Vic-toria, on Feb. 2, 1881, the cities of



Germany presented him and his bride with a silver service containing 257 pieces, and valued at 420,000 marks, and of this service the pieces of silver From the time of Frederick William I the emperor's ancestors had been colfacting silverware, and, though many of their treasures were sacrificed in perilous or needy times, there were still many wonderful specimens of the silversmith's art in the imperial palace when the present kalser ascended the throne so many, indeed, that their value was estimated at 5,000,000 marks.

A few of these treasures were re cently photographed by the emperor's permission, and it is from one of these photographs that the accompanying picture was made.

MANY THREADS, ONE NEEDLE.

It looks impossible, yet it is really quite easy, to put several threads through the eye of a needle. The first thing necessary is a needle with a long eye like that in an ordinary darning needle, and through this must be put a thread about six feet long.

This thread is then to be drawn through the needle into two equal lengths and next at a distance of about a yard from the eye the two threads needle is to be passed through the two ready for the performance of the trick itself.

If you are entertaining a company the needle. All you have to do is to hold the needle upright with your right hand and then grasp one of the threads at a point between the eye and the small loops and draw it in such a man-ner that these loops will pass through ally carry with them the threads which have been passed through them. Thereare now three threads through needle, and the operation here described can be continued with them.

In his annual report Mr. Beicher, the British consul at Beirs, says: "As reported last year, game in this district is still very much on the decrease. In fact, it is reported by professional hunters of experience that the redbuck. eland, rhinoceros, hippopotamus and elephant will become in a very short time extinct unless some steps are taken to prevent natives and unprincipled white hunters from continuing their white nunters from continuing their destruction. Chiringoma, a district under Chief Lubuko, formerly one of the best parts of the country for game, is gradually becoming devastated, and it is possible now to hunt for days and days and not find any one of the five last named species."